

# City News

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## City Addresses Potential Impacts of NFL Stadium Project

Over the past year many residents have voiced their concern regarding the proposed City of Industry NFL stadium development and the inevitable impacts a venue of this scale would have on our community.

The proposed project includes an NFL stadium, up to four NFL practice fields, an NFL training facility, sports medical clinic and nearly 3 million square feet of mixed-use (entertainment, retail, commercial, office) development. The project site is situated in the City of Industry, along Diamond Bar's northern border, north of the Pomona Freeway at Grand Avenue (hillsides north of the former Diamond Bar Honda site).

While the project lies outside the City's jurisdiction, the City Council and staff remain committed to doing what is in the best interest for the citizens of Diamond Bar and have been proactively monitoring this project since it was announced by Majestic Realty in October 2007.

The City recognizes the quality of life impacts that may potentially result, including



Rendering by Majestic Realty

adding traffic to our already congested streets, noise, public safety impacts, air quality, and light glare into adjacent neighborhoods.

Concerned about the close proximity to Diamond Bar's northern border, the City hired environmental and traffic experts to review the development's Environmental Impact Report (EIR). As a result, the City has submitted several detailed responses outlining our concerns and requests for mitigation to be addressed in the final EIR. Unfortunately, the Industry City Council approved the document in January 2009 without adequately addressing Diamond Bar's concerns.

As a result of these deficiencies in the EIR, the City of Diamond Bar is opposed

to the proposed Industry NFL stadium development unless the many serious traffic, noise, public safety, aesthetic, and related development impacts are mitigated to the City's satisfaction.

While it is anticipated the Industry City Council will take action to approve the development at its February 26 meeting, the City of Diamond Bar will continue to monitor the development and take the necessary steps to protect the community.

The information contained in this article is as of mid February, to view status updates, project EIR and all documents and correspondence submitted by the City, visit [www.cityofdiamondbar.com](http://www.cityofdiamondbar.com).

### Calendar Key



City Council Meeting\*- starts at 6:30 p.m.



Planning Commission Meeting\*- starts at 7 p.m.



Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting\*- starts at 7 p.m.



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting\*- starts at 7 p.m.



Daylight Saving Time Begins



Transit Late Night - CityHall open until 7:00 p.m.

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\*All meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center, 21865 Copley Drive. Additional event and meeting details are available at [www.cityofdiamondbar.com](http://www.cityofdiamondbar.com).

## Business of the Month

*And the winner is...*



### Bob's Big Boy Restaurant

21090 Golden Springs Drive  
909.595.9170

#### Hours:

Sun. – Thurs. 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Fri. – Sat. 6 a.m. – 12 midnight

## State of the City Address Slated for March 12

Later this month, Diamond Bar residents will have a once-in-a-year opportunity to learn about current and upcoming projects directly from City staff during the annual State of the City Address.

The Address is set to be held at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue on Thursday, March 12, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., attendees will have a chance to view presentation boards outlining the projects and achievements completed or initiated last year, and obtain more in depth information about them from City staff. Business owners or managers will be able to learn about the free support and assistance services offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

At 6:30 p.m., the Mayor will give a brief presentation outlining major projects in the works and presenting key issues and goals for the immediate future.

Admission is free, and reservations are not required. The Address will be taped for later broadcast on the DBTV3, the City's cable television channel, and the City's website at [www.cityofdiamondbar.com](http://www.cityofdiamondbar.com).

For more information, contact the Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.

## Local Deputy Plays a Role in Inauguration

The January Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. had an extra special meaning for a Diamond Bar-based public safety officer.

Deputy Mark St. Amant, a 28-year Los Angeles Sheriff's Department veteran and member of the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station for the past 19 years, was the only one selected to participate in the historic event from the station staffed with 120 sworn officers.

The entire LASD delegation was made up of one commander, two lieutenants, eight sergeants, and 101 deputies. It was the third largest group of the 58 public safety agencies from across the nation that helped form the security protection team.

To prepare for their task of protecting the parade route from the U.S. Capitol building to the White House, Deputy St. Amant and close to 4,000 other law enforcement officers participated in special 8-hour training at the American University and were sworn in as federal officers.

Except for short trips to the "warming room" staged in the Department of Justice's press room, Deputy St. Amant and his colleagues spent 17 hours starting at 2:30 a.m. standing watchful along the parade route on the day of the event.

To protect against the freezing weather that varied from 11 to 24 degree temperature, the team wore winter clothing which included



special-ordered heavy-duty jackets, trooper-style hats, gloves, and heat packs in their gloves, shoes, and pockets.

The LASD delegation was broken up into two groups, with one staging itself on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the FBI building and the other on Constitution Avenue in front of the National Archives and Records Administration building.

Even with having to brave extremely cold conditions and not being able to personally shake the hand of President Barack Obama, Deputy St. Amant describes the experience as one he will never forget.

"There were zero incidents and no arrests," Deputy St. Amant said. "There was a very positive atmosphere the entire time we were there."

The special jackets, hats, and gloves used by the officers on the day of the inauguration were donated to cold weather and mountain sheriff stations, like the ones in Santa Clarita and Palmdale.

Salaries, lodging, travel, and meal expenses were covered by the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department.

## Volunteer Nominations

Do you know somebody who makes outstanding contributions to the community? Someone who makes a difference in the lives of others? Someone who exhibits dedication in any line of volunteer work? Someone who inspires volunteerism in others?

If so, the City wants to hear from you.

The City is again seeking nominees of all ages for its annual volunteer recognition program, and needs your help in identifying deserving individuals. New this year, entries will be separated into two categories: adult and youth.

Examples of possible candidates may

include a schoolmate, a teacher, a parent, a business owner, or a neighbor who you feel makes a better Diamond Bar through his or her volunteerism or community service.

Awards will be presented to the top nominees on Saturday, April 18 as part of the festivities of the City's 20th Birthday Party.

Nomination forms are available for pickup at City Hall and the Diamond Bar Center. Completed forms should be sent to: City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, c/o Community Services Department – Volunteer Recognition.

Deadline to submit your nomination(s) is Friday, March 20. For more information about the program, contact Andee Tarazon, Community Services Coordinator/Special Events at 909.839.7067.

## Teen Volunteers

**H**ey Diamond Bar teens! Are you between the ages of 13 and 15, and looking for a fun way to earn community service hours while gaining job skills in the City recreation field?

The City of Diamond Bar's Community Services Department is currently looking for 40 volunteer teens to form part of its 2009 Volunteer Program.

The lucky teens accepted into the Program will each contribute a minimum of 15 hours a week from June 8 through August 21 acting as aids to programs such as Summer Day Camp, Youth Baseball, Tiny Tots, and assist with the City's popular Summer Concerts and Movies in the Park series.



Applications are available online at [www.cityofdiamondbar.com](http://www.cityofdiamondbar.com), and at City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, and the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue.

For more information, call 909.839.7070.

## Beware of "Uniformed" Scam Artists



**R**esidents should be particularly alert to a type of scam that usually begins during the spring months.

It involves one or more scam artists or burglars posing as tradesmen or representatives of utility companies to gain access to homes.

One individual distracts the homeowner, while someone else enters the home and looks for cash and valuables. They are in and out of the house in minutes and gone before the homeowner realizes what has happened.

In most instances the scam artist who approaches the front door is dressed in what looks like a uniform or official shirt from a legitimate company or agency.

The Diamond Bar Sheriff's team urges homeowners to not take any chances with their personal safety and to remain vigilant to their surroundings, especially unusual or suspicious behavior.

If someone comes to your door and asks you to step outside to look at something, politely refuse and ask for their identification. If they have good identification, do not go outside without locking your door.

If you suspect that they might be trying to get into your home, stay inside, lock the door and call the Sheriff's Department at 909.595.2264.

## Free Calendar and Sweeping Schedule

**R**esidents who have not obtained their free copies of the City's 2009 City Calendar & Services Guide and Street Sweeping magnet are encouraged to do so, while supplies last.

Both the calendar and magnet are available at City Hall (21825 Copley Drive), the Diamond Bar Center (1600 Grand Avenue), Chamber of Commerce (21845 Copley Drive, Suite 1170), Diamond Bar Library (1061 South Grand Avenue), and at other Diamond Bar community venues.

This year's Calendar & Services Guide contains a 12-month calendar of important dates noted, a directory of frequently-sought services, park and shopping center locations, and descriptions of all City departments.



It also features the winning entries of the inaugural "Diamond Bar Through My Lens" community photo contest.

The popular sweep schedule refrigerator magnet comes attached to a leaflet containing important information regarding street sweeping and used oil and filter disposal.



## Ask City Hall

*Answers to commonly asked questions about City services, codes, and other matters pertaining to living and working in Diamond Bar.*

**Q:** I've noticed that a lot of houses in my neighborhood are still displaying holiday lights. Isn't that against the City's Municipal Code?

**A:** Yes, the City's Municipal Code states that exterior holiday lights and decorations must be removed within 30 days of installation, and no later than January 15.

Besides contributing to blight, keeping holiday lights installed for an extended period of time creates the potential for a fire hazard because of their temporary-use nature.

The City's Neighborhood Improvement Division is now assertively searching out homes still displaying electrical decorations.

Homeowners found not to be in compliance will be issued a courtesy notice to correct the violation within 10 days. Failing to remove the lights within the allotted time frame can result in a \$100 fine.

Questions regarding this code should be directed to the Neighborhood Improvement Division at 909.839.7030.

## Mayor's Monthly Message

Just a reminder that the Diamond Bar mayor's monthly messages are available for viewing on the City's website [www.cityofdiamondbar.com](http://www.cityofdiamondbar.com). The messages, which are stored for up to a year, are posted on the first business day of every month. They can be found in the "About Diamond Bar" tab by clicking on the "City Government" button.



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**Mayor Pro Tem**..... Carol Herrera  
**Council Member**..... Wen Chang  
**Council Member**..... Jack Tanaka  
**Council Member**..... Steve Tye  
**City Manager**..... James DeStefano

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## Snapshots Around The Community

### Homage to Heroes...

A special event last month brought together over 50 fire protection professionals, law enforcement personnel and volunteers, American Red Cross staff and volunteers, school district officials and staff, and animal protection representatives from 12 of the agencies who responded to the November 2008 Freeway Complex Fire. The massive fire, which started in Riverside County and made its way through the counties of Orange and San Bernardino and into Los Angeles County, was contained in Tonner Canyon, just south of Diamond Bar, and did not reach city limits. The February 3rd event was the Diamond Bar City Council's way of saying thank you on behalf of the entire community to the individuals who in one way or another played a role in ensuring the safety and peace of mind of residents during and following the fire threat. The special group of guests was treated to a reception where they had the opportunity to read the various 20 ft. banners filled with hundreds of "thank you" messages from residents. Each agency was also presented with a certificate of appreciation from three local elected officials.



### Striking the Right Chord...

This father and son duo – Edward and Nathan Chavez – share more than the same last name, they also share the same passion for guitar playing. This past winter they had the opportunity to spend quality time together while receiving pointers on how to perfect one of their hobbies during their enrollment in the City's Beginning Guitar class

taught at the Diamond Bar Center. That class and another one for those at the intermediate level will be offered from March 3 to April 28, and again from May 5 to June 30. Check out page 10 of the attached Community Recreation Guide for more details.

### "We're in the Money..."

Friends Shirley Obrymski and Wanda Hebert were part of the group of people hoping to strike it lucky with a one-day trip to the Agua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage last January. The City organizes monthly trips to casinos for adults 55 and older as part of its Excursions Program. For a nominal fee, travelers receive round-trip transportation, buffet coupon, and even some money for games. Other outings include visits to museums, theaters, gardens, and architectural and retail venues. To find out about upcoming excursions, refer to page 21 of the City's Winter Community Recreation Guide or call the City's Senior Services Division at 909.839.7068.



## Find it Fast Phone Directory

<b>City Services</b>	<b>909.839.7000</b>
City Council	909.839.7010
Building & Safety	909.839.7020
City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010
City Manager's Office	909.839.7010
Community Development	909.839.7030
Community Services	909.839.7060
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070
Finance	909.839.7050
Human Resources	909.839.7054
Library	909.861.4978
Neighborhood Improvement	909.839.7030
Planning	909.839.7030
Post Office	909.860.2469
Public Information Office	909.839.7055
Public Safety Services	909.839.7075
Public Works/Engineering	909.839.7040
Recreation Services	909.839.7070
Senior Services	909.839.7068
Transit Information	909.839.7045
Voter Registration	562.462.2748

<b>Business Information:</b>	
Business Licenses	909.839.7030
Chamber of Commerce	909.860.1904

<b>School Districts:</b>	
Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261

<b>Utilities:</b>	
So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
Waste Disposal:	
Valley Vista (businesses)	800.442.6454
Waste Management (residents)	909.599.1274

<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Animal Control	909.623.9777
Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264

<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspection Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384
Job Hotline	909.612.4636 x 1410

\*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1